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INFO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, SA  
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH SAUDI MINISTER OF INTERIOR

REF: (A) DHAHRAN 490 (B) STATE 129491 (C) STATE 141815

1. ON JUNE 4 AMBASSADOR MET WITH SAUDI MINISTER OF  
INTERIOR, PRINCE NAYEF BIN ABDUL AL-AZIZ. DISCUSSION  
COVERED RECENT CONGRESSIONAL VOTE ON F-15 SALE.  
MINISTER'S VISIT TO U.S., AND MACDONALD COMMERCIAL DIS-  
PUTE IN DHAHRAN.

2. PRINCE NAYEF EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE IN OUTCOME OF  
F-15 DEBATE IN U.S. HE SAID ACTUAL NUMBER OF PLANES  
WAS NOT IMPORTANT BUT DECISION WAS REAFFIRMATION OF  
TRADITIONAL SAUDI-U.S. FRIENDSHIP. HE PRAISED EFFORTS  
BY PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY ON BEHALF OF SALE AND SAID  
SAUDIS WERE GRATEFUL TO PEOPLE WHO STOOD UP AND SUPPORTED  
SAUDI REQUEST.

3. PRINCE NAYEF SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS  
TRIP TO US. HE SAID HIS SON IN PORTLAND HAD WANTED  
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HIM TO COME FOR HIS GRADUATION. AS TIME WAS SHORT,  
HE DECLINED INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON. HE DID  
SAY THAT IF USG HAD ANY SPECIFIC SUBJECT TO DISCUSS,  
HE WOULD CERTAINLY MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE. HE EX-  
PRESSED HOPE TO VISIT U.S. AT LATER DATE WHEN THERE  
WOULD BE MORE TIME TO MEET U.S. OFFICIALS. HE THANKED  
ADMIRAL TURNER FOR HIS OFFER OF ASSISTANCE.

4. PRINCE NAYEF DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO MACDONALD CASE. HE WAS APPRECIATIVE OF DEPARTMENT REACTION OUTLINING FACTS OF CASE AND EMPHASIZING THAT SAG HAD NOT VIOLATED MACDONALD'S RIGHTS OR OTHERWISE PURSUED THE CASE OUTSIDE LEGALLY PRESCRIBED CHANNELS. HE PARTICULARLY THANKED CONSULATE IN DHAHRAN FOR ITS COOPERATIVE ROLE AND CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WHT SAUDI AUTHORITIES. HE THEN COMPLAINED THAT CONGEN HAD ISSUED MACDONALD "THREE PASSPORTS" IN SPITE OF FACT THAT CONGEN KNEW THERE WAS INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY. HE URGED USG TO COOPERATE MORE FULLY WITH SAUDI AUTHORITIES IN SUCH SITUATIONS. HE HOPED USG WOULD NOT FACILITATE ESCAPE OF AMERICANS WHERE USG KNEW LEGAL PROCEEDINGS WERE UNDERWAY.

5. FYI: CONGEN DHAHRAN ISSUED "SECOND" TEMPORARY PASSPORT TO MACDONALD WHEN HE REPORTED THAT HIS TEMPORARY PASSPORT, ALSO ISSUED BY CONGEN, WAS PRESUMED TO BE LOST ALTHOUGH IN SAFEKEEPING WITH A FRIEND.  
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